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Ms. Raji Josiam  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: July 2017 Bi-Monthly Progress Report  
US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site  
Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period – During the preceding two-month period (May - June 2017), the Respondents performed additional work for the RI/FS in accordance with the RI/FS Work Plan, as follows:
  - Prepared for and held Data Review Meeting 1 on May 8, 2017, at the EPA office in Dallas, Texas with EPA, TCEQ, the PRP Group and Bayer Crop Sciences representatives participating. Data review included the current data set, with a focus on data pertinent to Work Plan Refinement/Modification Notices (WRNs) AOI-1-4 and WRN AOI-1-5 (see below);
  - Completed statistical analysis of background soil sampling data and submitted a Draft Site-Specific Background Soil Concentration Calculations Memorandum to EPA on June 16, 2017;
  - Finalized (on May 26, 2017) WRN AOI-1-4 for additional investigation of the historic burial pit, historical vault and northeast slope areas.
  - Finalized (on June 20, 2017) WRN) AOI-1-5 for revising monitoring well locations, adding monitoring well locations, adding soil boring locations and adding soil samples for fate and transport parameters analyses; and
  - Prepared for field investigation activities (starting on July 5, 2017).
2. Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period – No additional data were received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period, therefore, since the database has not been updated, the database is not included with this report.

3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion – The following work is planned for the next two months:
  - Field investigation activities, including those described in WRN AOI-1-4 and WRN AOI-1-5, and other on-property soil, on-property groundwater and off-property soil sampling activities described in the RI/FS Work Plan;
  - Laboratory analyses of soil and groundwater samples;
  - Validation of laboratory analytical data;
  - Discussion of EPA review comments on the aforementioned Draft Site-Specific Background Soil Concentration Calculations Memorandum.
4. Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays – No problems or delays were encountered during the preceding two-month period. No problems are anticipated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Project Coordinator

cc: Mr. Lam Tran – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Mr. Michael Cave – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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